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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Werenicz et al.

Serial No.: 09/057,406

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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A CONTINUOUS THERMOPLASTIC COATING

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**PROPOSED RESPONSE**

In response to the outstanding Office action dated July 31, 2001, Applicants submit the following remarks.

**Remarks**

Claims 2-6, 8-12, 33-36, 38-42, 44 and 46-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Maletsky et al. (U.S. 4,998,928) in view of Cardinal et al.

Maletsky et al. disclose a moisture proof adhesive coating composition that includes an antioxidant and a blend of an amorphous polymer of propylene, a crystalline polymer of propylene and a resinous mixture of C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> hydrocarbons.

Cardinal et al. disclose coating thermoplastic ester ether elastomers at an extrusion temperature of 240°C.

Claim 10 recites a method of forming a continuous film layer of a thermoplastic composition onto a substrate, the method including the steps of:

- a) providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
- b) advancing a substrate along a path;
- c) dispensing a continuous film of the thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the thermoplastic composition has a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/seconds at the

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